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Dear Sir:

Prior to the first Office Action in the present application, please enter and consider the following amendments and remarks:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph 0008 on page 3 with the following text:

The present invention was made in consideration to the aforementioned circumstance, and thus an advantage of the present invention is to provide a communication system wherein a connection to the terminal within the local system from the Internet or the connection between the terminals within different local systems is realized while maintaining the safety of the local system, and a replay server preferable to be used within such communication system.

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